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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejection of Claim 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,189,407 to Champ et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants' claims require more than an electrical connector having a body with two diameters. Specifically, the claims require an assemblage additionally including a metal support "...including an aperture *formed by a plurality of spokes...*" (emphasis added) with that aperture having a diameter greater than the first diameter. In Champ et al. the aperture *formed by the spokes* is clearly not larger than the first diameter. As a matter of fact, in every embodiment of Champ et al., the aperture formed by the spokes is the smallest diameter of the connector assembly, smaller even than the smallest diameter of the sleeve 20 (designated 22r in Fig. 10B of Champ et al.). This is a necessary feature of Champ et al. because it is that diameter that the spokes engage.

The instant claims require a second diameter larger than the first diameter with *the spokes engaging the second* or larger diameter. In none of the many embodiments shown in Champ et al. do the spokes engage the larger or second diameter, as is absolutely clear from the illustration supplied by the Examiner in the Office Action.

"Factual determination of anticipation requires disclosure in single reference of every element of claimed invention, and examiner must identify wherein each and every facet of claimed invention is disclosed in applied reference." Ex parte Levy: 17 USPQ2d; PTO Bd of Pat. App. and Int.; October 16, 1990.

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Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for immediate allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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